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## Session 1: Word List

### overhear

*v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge

*synonym*: catch, eavesdrop

(1) happen to **overhear** a conversation, (2) accidentally **overheard** their talk

She was inside at the time and **overheard** the conversation.

### plantation

*n.* a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops

*synonym*: estate, farm, manor

(1) a rubber **plantation**, (2) **plantation** house

The former **plantation** owner struggled to adjust to life without the enslaved people that once worked for him.

### housework

*n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

*synonym*: chores, cleaning, domestic duties

(1) **housework** robot, (2) light **housework**

She didn't mind doing the **housework** as long as it kept her busy and productive.

### whim

*n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained

*synonym* : fancy, caprice, whimsy

(1) at the **whim** of circumstance, (2) **whim** of youth

He quit his job on a **whim** and moved to a new city.

## enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

*synonym* : coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

## abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

*synonym* : cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship

The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

## conspire

v. to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose

*synonym* : plot, scheme, collude

(1) **conspire** his ruin, (2) **conspire** to corner the market

The group of friends **conspired** to pull a prank on their teacher.

## proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

*synonym* : announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## chattel

*n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land

*synonym* : property, possession, asset

(1) **chattel** mortgage, (2) personal property **chattels**

The enslaved people were treated as **chattel** and had no rights or freedoms.

## uneven

*adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical

*synonym*: irregular, rough, bumpy

(1) **uneven** numbers, (2) **uneven** coating

The road was **uneven**, causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.

## rebellion

*n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

*synonym*: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

## abolition

*n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful

*synonym*: termination, discontinuation, end

(1) complete **abolition**, (2) total **abolition** of a law

The **abolition** of slavery was a major milestone in the history of the United States.

## outlaw

*v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

*synonym*: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

## vow

*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

*synonym*: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up  
They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of  
their lives.

## uphold

*v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea,  
decision, etc.

*synonym*: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

## confederacy

*n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular  
purpose

*synonym*: alliance, union, league

(1) urban **confederacy**, (2) the rebelling **confederacy**

The **confederacy** of states was formed to stand against the  
federal government's power.

## emancipation

*n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control  
or influence

*synonym*: liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment  
and gave him newfound freedom.

## proclamation

*n.* an official announcement or statement

*synonym*: announcement, declamation, edict

(1) **proclamation** of innocence, (2) nullify a **proclamation**

The king made a **proclamation** declaring war on the  
neighboring country.

## confederate

*n.* a person who is allied or associated with another person  
or group, especially in a political or military context; a  
supporter of the Confederate States of America

*synonym*: ally, associate, partner

(1) **confederate** soldier, (2) **Confederate** government

The two countries are **confederates** and have a strong

alliance.

## rejoin

v. to return to someone or something

*synonym*: come back, return, reunite

(1) **rejoin** their mother ship, (2) **rejoin** the party

After the battle, the soldier managed to **rejoin** his unit.

## bastion

n. a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects

*synonym*: stronghold, fortification, bulwark

(1) **bastion** of good sense, (2) a **bastion** against corruption

The ancient fortification served as a **bastion** of defense against invaders for centuries.

## evade

v. to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something

*synonym*: dodge, avoid, bypass

(1) **evade** capture, (2) **evade** an issue

The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to **evade** the cops.

## troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

*synonym*: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

## stagger

v. to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock

*synonym*: lurch, falter, astound

(1) **stagger** and nearly fall, (2) **stagger** downstairs

The malicious criticism did not **stagger** his resolution.

## commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

*synonym*: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial

Day.

## oppress

*v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

*synonym*: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force  
Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

## demise

*n.* death or the end of something

*synonym*: death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ba\_\_\_\_n of good sense *n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
2. un\_\_\_\_n coating *adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
3. a rubber pla\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops
4. pr\_\_\_\_\_im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
5. com\_\_\_\_\_te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
6. ab\_\_\_\_h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
7. personal property ch\_\_\_\_ls *n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
8. co\_\_\_\_\_re to corner the market *v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
9. st\_\_\_\_r and nearly fall *v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock
10. Con\_\_\_\_\_te government *n.* a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America

ANSWERS: 1. bastion, 2. uneven, 3. plantation, 4. proclaim, 5. commemorate, 6. abolish, 7. chattel, 8. conspire, 9. stagger, 10. confederate

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| 11. re___n the party                   | v.   | to return to someone or something  |
| 12. happen to ov_____ar a conversation | v.   | to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge  |
| 13. pr_____im victory                  | v.   | to announce or state something publicly and forcefully   |
| 14. the members of a military tr__p    | n.   | a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.                     |
| 15. up___d the law                     | v.   | to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.  |
| 16. ho_____rk robot                    | n.   | the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house   |
| 17. a ba_____n against corruption      | n.   | a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects   |
| 18. pla_____on house                   | n.   | a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops                          |
| 19. op_____s the people with force     | v.   | to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people |
| 20. st_____r downstairs                | v.   | to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock                       |
| 21. un___n numbers                     | adj. | not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical   |
| 22. ind_____us student                 | adj. | hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort  |

ANSWERS: 11. rejoin, 12. overhear, 13. proclaim, 14. troop, 15. uphold, 16. housework, 17. bastion, 18. plantation, 19. oppress, 20. stagger, 21. uneven, 22. industrious



23. re___n their mother ship	v.	to return to someone or something
24. v_w never to give up	v.	to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
25. en_____e poor peasants	v.	to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
26. meet their de___e	n.	death or the end of something
27. a tr__p of deer	n.	a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
28. up___d tradition	v.	to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
29. w__m of youth	n.	a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
30. re_____on leader	n.	an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
31. ou___w racial discrimination	v.	to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
32. urban con_____cy	n.	a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
33. ind_____us worker	adj.	hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
34. con_____te soldier	n.	a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America

ANSWERS: 23. rejoin, 24. vow, 25. enslave, 26. demise, 27. troop, 28. uphold, 29. whim, 30. rebellion, 31. outlaw, 32. confederacy, 33. industrious, 34. confederate

35. ev\_\_e an issue      *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
36. ch\_\_\_\_l mortgage      *n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
37. op\_\_\_\_s the minority      *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
38. excite re\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
39. ev\_\_e capture      *v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
40. nullify a pro\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* an official announcement or statement
41. en\_\_\_\_e indigenous people      *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
42. de\_\_\_e of bureaucracy      *n.* death or the end of something
43. v\_w allegiance to the new king      *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
44. light ho\_\_\_\_\_rk      *n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
45. at the w\_\_m of circumstance      *n.* a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
46. ou\_\_\_w cloning of human cells      *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
47. history of ema\_\_\_\_\_ion      *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

ANSWERS: 35. evade, 36. chattel, 37. oppress, 38. rebellion, 39. evade, 40. proclamation, 41. enslave, 42. demise, 43. vow, 44. housework, 45. whim, 46. outlaw, 47. emancipation

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| 48. self-ema_____ion                   | <i>n.</i> | the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence   |
| 49. the rebelling con_____cy           | <i>n.</i> | a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose   |
| 50. co_____re his ruin                 | <i>v.</i> | to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose                                     |
| 51. accidentally ov_____ard their talk | <i>v.</i> | to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge                                      |
| 52. complete ab_____on                 | <i>n.</i> | the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful |
| 53. total ab_____on of a law           | <i>n.</i> | the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful |
| 54. com_____te a deed                  | <i>v.</i> | to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute   |
| 55. ab_____h slavery                   | <i>v.</i> | to do away with completely; to put an end to   |
| 56. pro_____ion of innocence           | <i>n.</i> | an official announcement or statement  |

ANSWERS: 48. emancipation, 49. confederacy, 50. conspire, 51. overhear, 52. abolition, 53. abolition, 54. commemorate, 55. abolish, 56. proclamation

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The leader \_\_\_\_\_ a state of emergency in the country.  
*v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
2. She was inside at the time and \_\_\_\_\_ the conversation.  
*v.* to hear what other people are saying without intending to and their knowledge
3. The group of friends \_\_\_\_\_ to pull a prank on their teacher.  
*v.* to plan or plot together secretly, especially with an evil or unlawful purpose
4. After the battle, the soldier managed to \_\_\_\_\_ his unit.  
*v.* to return to someone or something
5. The enslaved people were treated as \_\_\_\_\_ and had no rights or freedoms.  
*n.* personal property, especially that which is movable and not fixed to land
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of slavery was a major milestone in the history of the United States.  
*n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
7. The two countries are \_\_\_\_\_ and have a strong alliance.  
*n.* a person who is allied or associated with another person or group, especially in a political or military context; a supporter of the Confederate States of America
8. His \_\_\_\_\_ from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.  
*n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

ANSWERS: 1. proclaimed, 2. overheard, 3. conspired, 4. rejoin, 5. chattel, 6. abolition, 7. confederates, 8. emancipation

9. Some communities began to \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol consumption.
- v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
10. He quit his job on a \_\_\_\_\_ and moved to a new city.
- n. a sudden idea or desire, especially one that cannot be reasonably explained
11. The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the cops.
- v. to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
12. The government voted to \_\_\_\_\_ the outdated law.
- v. to do away with completely; to put an end to
13. The judge may \_\_\_\_\_ the decision of the lower court.
- v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
14. Her beauty \_\_\_\_\_ me completely.
- v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
15. She didn't mind doing the \_\_\_\_\_ as long as it kept her busy and productive.
- n. the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
16. Historically, many countries have often \_\_\_\_\_ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.
- v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
17. The antigovernment \_\_\_\_\_ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.
- n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

ANSWERS: 9. outlaw, 10. whim, 11. evade, 12. abolish, 13. uphold, 14. enslaved, 15. housework, 16. oppressed, 17. rebellion

18. The ancient fortification served as a \_\_\_\_\_ of defense against invaders for centuries.
- n.* a strong fortress or a stronghold that defends or protects
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
20. The king made a \_\_\_\_\_ declaring war on the neighboring country.
- n.* an official announcement or statement
21. The sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.
- n.* death or the end of something
22. The malicious criticism did not \_\_\_\_\_ his resolution.
- v.* to walk, move, or stand unsteadily as if you are going to fall; to astound or overwhelm, as with shock
23. The road was \_\_\_\_\_ causing the car to bounce up and down as it drove.
- adj.* not level or flat; not balanced or symmetrical
24. The former \_\_\_\_\_ owner struggled to adjust to life without the enslaved people that once worked for him.
- n.* a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops
25. The country \_\_\_\_\_ the war heroes on Memorial Day.
- v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

ANSWERS: 18. bastion, 19. troop, 20. proclamation, 21. demise, 22. stagger, 23. uneven, 24. plantation, 25. commemorated

26. They \_\_\_\_\_ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

*v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

27. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ of states was formed to stand against the federal government's power.

*n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 26. vowed, 27. industrious, 28. confederacy